6. Assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Organisations/Self Help Groups for Construction of Old Age Homes/Multi Service Centres for Older Persons.
7. Integrated Programme for Street Children.
8. Grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations Working for the Welfare of Scheduled Castes.
9. Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations Working for the Other Backward Classes.
10. Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for the Other Backward Classes.
11. Scheme of Pre-examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on Economic Criteria.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Expert Committee for New Pension Policy

1142. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Expert Committee headed by Mr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman of Unit Trust of India has suggested wide-ranging reforms and recommended a new pension policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken a decision to implement the new pension policy mooted by the Dave Committee; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment had commissioned, in August, 1998, a project OASIS (an acronym of Old Age Social and Income Security) and nominated an 8 member Expert Committee, headed by Dr. S.A. Dave, former Chairman, Unit Trust of India, to examine policy questions connected with old age income security in India and submit its recommendations to the Government. The Committee submitted its final report to the Government on 11.01.2000. The Report contains recommendations on the schemes and action that Government may take so that every young worker builds up enough savings during his/her working

life which could serve as a shield against poverty during their old age. The recommendations contained in the report have a twin focus of further improving existing pension provisions and to devise a fresh pension plan for such workers who are not included in the present pension provisions but are capable of saving modest amounts which can be converted into Old age Income Security.

(c) No, Sir. The recommendations are presently under active consideration, of Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Grants to NGOs Under Maulana Azad Education Society in M.P.

†1143. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the grants for the welfare of minorities have been provided to the voluntary organizations under Maulana Azad Educational Society in Madhya Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the names of the voluntary organizations, along with the amount provided to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Maulana Azad Education Foundation has provided grants to the following Voluntary Organisations in Madhya Pradesh so far. The names of the voluntary organizations assisted and the amount of assistance provided . is as under:

(1) Muslim Welfare Society, Bhopal—Rs. 6,00,000/-

(2) Muslim Education & Career Promotion Society, Bhopal—Rs. 90,000/-

(3) Kurwai Education Society, Bhopal—Rs. 30,00,000/-

(4) Anjuman Tarrakiya Urdu, Vidisha—Rs. 15,00,000/-

(5) Horaizen Education Society, Burhanpur—Rs. 10,00,000/-

Appointment of Chief Commissioner Under Disability Act, 1995

1144. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

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